Reforms in agricultural education

†2281. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have assigned the responsibility of comprehensive reforms in higher agricultural education to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have also prepared a proposal for bringing in reforms in higher agricultural education;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assessment of the need of money required to accomplish the task by the said council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The comprehensive reforms in higher agricultural education encompass Human Resource Planning, Curriculum Planning and Orientation, Centers of Niche Areas of Excellence, Real Life Practical Work Experience, Engendering Course Curricula, Faculty Competence, Vocational Education.

(e) The projected funding is Rs. 2800.00 crores. Out of this, Rs. 200.00 crores have been sanctioned by the Government of India for the financial year 2006-07.

Coverage of kharif crop

†2282. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agriculture products grown for kharif crop during the year 2006 were grown over a large piece of agriculture land than the one covered by kharif crop last year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.